

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 remain pending. Claims 1-3 have been rejected. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claims 1-3 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim, in full, clear, concise, and exact terms, the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. In addition, new claims 4-13 have been added. Thus, claims 1-13 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,956,025 to Goulden, et al. ("Goulden"). In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 include limitations that are not disclosed by Goulden.

Specifically, for example, independent claim 1 as amended recites as follows:

1. A method of displaying the status of remotely controlled devices using 3D graphics comprising:
 - preparing a predefined database that includes the controlled devices and a nearby environment;
 - preparing a database representation for each state of each controlled device, each state of each controlled device representing an operating state of the controlled device given viewpoint;
 - determining a state of the command for each controlled device based on an output of a controller for controlling a respective controlled device;
 - providing a means of selecting an action for each command for each controlled device using the associated controller; and
 - rendering an image of each controlled device from a predetermined viewpoint corresponding the determined state of the command, the image representing each controlled device in a 3D manner.

(Emphasis added)

Independent claim 1 is related to a method for displaying the status of a remotely controlled device in a 3D manner. Claim 1 requires preparing a database having a database representation for each state of each remotely controlled device (not the controller that

controls the device) and rendering an image of each controlled device from a predetermined viewpoint based on the operating state of the remotely controlled device, such that each remotely controlled device can be displayed in a 3D manner according to its current operating state. It is respectfully submitted that the above limitations are absent from Goulden.

Rather, Goulden is related to displaying in a multi-level panel of functionalities of a remote controller for controlling certain remotely controlled device (see, e.g., Abstract and Figs. 3-9 of Goulden). That is, Goulden is related to displaying certain control functionalities of a controller for controlling a remotely controlled device, rather than a status of a remotely controlled device.

In contrast, the present invention as claimed is related to display a status (e.g., an operating state) of a remotely controlled device (not a controller) in a 3D manner. Further, the multi-level panel of display as shown in Goulden is not the same as a 3D environment as required by claim 1.

In order to anticipate a claim, each and every limitations of the claim must be taught by the cited reference. It is respectfully submitted that Goulden fails to disclose each and every limitations of claim 1 as amended. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not anticipated by Goulden.

Similarly, independent claims 7 and 13 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 1. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7 and 13 are not anticipated by Goulden. Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are not anticipated by Goulden. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite

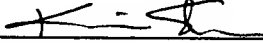
or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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